

# Report from the Users' Center

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## Presentation to the RHIC & AGS Users' Executive Committee

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# Items Being Addressed at Users' Center

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- DOE Strengthens Rules Governing Worker Safety
- ATLAS
- NUFO
- Miscellaneous
  - ASAP
  - UEC Budget & Account
  - PHOBOS
  - Tandem
  - UEC Thank You Letters
  - Paperless Office

# DOE Strengthens Rules Governing Worker Safety (2/2/2006)

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Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman today announced regulations aimed at improving worker safety across the Department of Energy complex. This rule establishes a uniform set of standards that will require department-wide compliance and **monetary fines** for contractors who fail to apply these regulations.

# ATLAS

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- Pandora's box of administrative questions have arisen
  - Capturing multiple scientific facilities used by guests (e.g., Peter Steinberg)—requires programming
  - Heavy Ion program (where do they belong, hosts, JTAs)
  - Ensuring training requirements are assigned—big concern
  - Computer management
- Status
  - Know who has appointments, computer accounts, and who has completed cyber training, and who has not
  - Requested FVA on-site approval for all ATLAS (and DBUGuests) remote users who currently hold appointments with BNL

# National User Facility Organization Meeting

## March 28-29, 2006 at Fermilab

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Topic Day 1: National Academy of Sciences Report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future" Speakers are:

- Pier Oddone, Director of Fermilab
- Peter O'Donnel, co-author of the NAS report (to be confirmed)
- Michael Holland, formerly OSTP and now  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science
- Steve Pierson, American Physical Society
- Mark Marin, Lewis-Burke and Associates, Washington D.C.
- Carole McGuire, former staffer for Sen. Pete Domenici, now Lewis-Burke & Assoc.
- Neil Calder, Director of Public Relations, SLAC
- Eli Kintisch, AAAS and *Science* Magazine

# National User Facility Organization Meeting

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Topic Day 2: Identify the processes that drive user safety training at the various DOE user facilities and determine core training requirements at each facility in order to explore the potential for standardization and transferability of training. A secondary objective will be to examine the mechanisms by which training information is delivered.

# Miscellaneous Items

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- ASAP
  - Cross-talk in January held at the NSLS, was attended by 19 people
  - Web bulletin board
  - March party
- UEC Account
  - No progress to-date
- PHOBOS
  - All guest records and training records have been updated

# Miscellaneous Items cont.

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- Tandem Patent Issue
  - Interested parties met on 1/24/06. A plan was agreed upon. Project is estimated to take six plus months to complete.
- Users' Center moving to a paperless office



# UEC Thank You Letters

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- 132 letters of thanks were sent to individuals who wrote letters to Secretary Bodman regarding the FY 2006 budget
- Jim Simons received a thank you letter and a copy went to entire BSA Board
- Bodman received a thank you letter for his support of the American Competitiveness Initiative. Copies went to: Bolten, Marburger, Sells, Orbach, Garman, Kovar, Parriott, & BNL management

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Questions, comments, & suggestions are  
always welcome